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INCREASING CIVIC INVOLVEMENT OF HIPANICS FOCUS OF LATINO SUMMIT FRIDAY

Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz will host a summit of local, state and federal Latino leaders on **Friday, September 17** to look at ways to increase Hispanic participation in the election process. A panel discussion on overcoming obstacles to engaging the fastest growing minority population in the democratic process will be featured.

Panelists will include Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration Regional Director Edna Negrón Rosario, State Representatives Lydia Martinez and Felipe Reinoso, State Latino & Puerto Rican Affairs Commission Executive Director Fernando Betancourt, Santa Mendoza, President of the Hispanic Bar Association, and Rev. Edwin Ayala of the Christian Activities Council. Norma Rodriguez-Reyes, President of LaVoz Hispana CT will serve as moderator.

Mari Carmen Aponte, Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration will provide a keynote address with Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez and Clarisa Martinez of the National Council of La Raza also offering remarks.

WHAT: Secretary of the State's Latino Summit

WHEN: Friday, September 17, 9:30 -1:30 p.m.

**WHERE: Hartford Financial Services Group (Tower Building, 22nd floor)
690 Asylum St., Hartford, CT**